



## *The Re-Introduction Issue*

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Starting in the New Year, North Carolina Emergency Management will “re-introduce” a newsletter that some may be familiar with. “MEMO” will be distributed monthly around the first of each month. The content will consist of information and updates involving NCEM, CCPS, FEMA, DHS and others agencies that effect or in general provide useful knowledge to NCEM and its partners.

### *Continuing Education*

The Naval Postgraduate School’s Center for Homeland Defense and Security in partnership with the United States Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Grants and Training is announcing deadlines for applications to the Center for Homeland Defense & Security Master’s Degree program in the National Capital Region and at the Monterey, CA site. Participants will consist mainly of DHS and other Federal agency leaders as well as a mixture of State and Local officials. Deadlines are February 20<sup>th</sup> (National Capital Region site) and May 1<sup>st</sup> (Monterey, CA). Interested participants can apply or update an existing application by visiting [www.chds.us](http://www.chds.us) or [www.chds.us/?masters/apply](http://www.chds.us/?masters/apply). A help desk has been set up to offer assistance by phone at (831) 656-3829 or by email at [chdsmaap@nps.edu](mailto:chdsmaap@nps.edu).

### *NIC Changes*

The National Incident Management Capability Assessment Support Tool (NIMCAST) name has changed to the **National Incident Management System Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST)**. The current 75 questions do not have to be answered in FY2007 unless a jurisdiction, state or territory has not previously completed the assessment or the State or territory would like their jurisdiction to update previous responses. The reason for this is that a baseline assessment has been a requirement for the past two years and should be completed at this time. The FY07 metrics will be available on the NIMSCAST in spring 2007. All state, territories, tribal and local governments are encouraged to complete their metrics on paper so they can quickly enter them once the tool is available online. States and territories do have the option of creating their own system as long as its reporting capability will merge with the NIMSCAST data. FEMA/DHS will be courtesy copying the NIMS State or territory coordinator on any email messages they reply to from people in that state. The reason for this change is so the NIMS coordinator is aware of the questions that are emailed to the FEMA/DHS office. FEMA/DHS will give overall guidance but the NIMS state or territory coordinator may have additional information and should be the primary point of contact. **North Carolina’s NIMS State Coordinator is Gary Faltinowski, NCEM Assistant Director, [gfaltinowski@ncem.org](mailto:gfaltinowski@ncem.org), (919) 715-9204.**

### *North Carolina’s State Emergency Communication Committee (SECC) set to meet*

North Carolina’s SECC will meet January 17, 2007 to discuss issues that have recently affected the Emergency Alert System (EAS), National Weather Service (NWS) and Amber Alert emergency notification systems. Topics include: Messages in Spanish, 911 Center Outages, Recent Emergencies, EAS & NWS Training Initiative, Media Security & Reliability Council, New Digital Broadcast Requirements and others.



*NCEM is working with NCDPI, the Attorney Generals Office and other State Agencies to ensure school safety in NC public school.*

North Carolina Emergency Management is working with North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, The Attorney Generals Office and other State Agencies to ensure public schools in North Carolina remain safe and prepared for all hazards. NCEM's Bill Chamberlain is giving guidance and instruction in the areas of the "Multi-Hazards" approach to planning for emergencies and designing & implementing written Emergency Operation Procedure Plans. Chamberlain has and will continue to train school administrators on Division of Homeland Security's Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools Train-the-Trainer curriculum. He currently is planning to conduct a round table discussion at the DPI Spring Conference in Greensboro on Feb 1-2. The State Attorney General's Office and the Center for School Violence will join him in the presentation.

*NCEM is still conducting Incident Command System (ICS) classes for those who need to be ICS compliant*

North Carolina Emergency Management has several classes scheduled now with more becoming available during the first quarter of 2007 for those who need to take the ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-300, ICS-400 and/or other ICS based courses. Some courses are state sponsored while others are locally sponsored. Details can be found at the NCEM website by at <http://www.ncem.org/TRAINING/2006CAL.htm>. Please direct questions to Glenn Wisbey, 919-715-8577, [gwisbey@ncem.org](mailto:gwisbey@ncem.org) or Dianne Stanton, 919-733-3426, [dstanton@ncem.org](mailto:dstanton@ncem.org).

*NCEM's Incident Command System Instructor's list is available online but is still a work in progress*

North Carolina Emergency Management's Instructor list database is transforming into a more comprehensive and categorized list. This new list will include more categories and identify which instructor is qualified to teach that course. *Note: This new list is still a work in progress and should be checked regularly as changes occur often.*

For More Information: <http://www.ncem.org/ARCHIVES/ICSInstructors.pdf>. Please direct question to Chris Call at 919-715-6360 or [ccall@ncem.org](mailto:ccall@ncem.org).

*NIMS & Public Works Credentialing*

FEMA's National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) Integration Center has released initial minimum criteria for credentialing public works personnel to be deployed using a national credentialing system. A public works credentialing working group comprised of subject matter experts identified 19 positions anticipated to be most commonly requested during an interstate mutual aid response. The 19 positions are:

- Assistant Public works Director-Logistic
- Civil/Field Engineer
- Debris Removal Manager
- Engineering Branch Manager
- Equipment Operator
- Quality Assurance Personnel
- Utility Systems Reconstruction Manager
- Wastewater System Manager
- Water Distribution Manager
- Water Treatment Manager
- Assistant Public Works Director-Operations
- Debris Collection Supervisor
- Debris Site Manager
- Engineering Division Manger
- Public Works Director
- Structural Engineer
- Wastewater Collection Manager
- Wastewater Treatment Manager
- Water System Manager

For each job title, the Public Works Working Group identified "requisite" and "recommended" criteria for education, training, experience, physical/medial fitness, certification and licensing. The criteria are intended to complement and support existing credentialing systems. Further material can be found at

[http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/pw\\_job\\_title.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/pw_job_title.pdf).





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### NWS Forecast in Spanish

The National Weather Service has introduced a 'Point & Click' forecast which comes from the NWS National Digital Forecast Database. The forecasters at all Weather Forecast Offices in the United States enter weather parameters such as temperature, dew point, humidity, heat index, sky cover, precipitation type/chance/amount, wind speed, wind chill, ocean waves and other information into a digital database on an hourly basis for up to the following week. This information can be translated to Spanish with the click of a button.

**To ACCESS:** Go to [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov). Click the State of N.C. on the U.S. map. Click your specific County. In the upper right corner of the screen will be the words "En Español". Click this to turn information into Spanish.

### 2007 NIMS Implementation Workshops

The NIMS Integration Center (NIC) is holding a series of three day, discipline specific NIMS implementation workshops. The workshops are provided to help organizations implement to NIMS. The workshops will discuss NIMS implementation within your organization, lessons learned and best practices. There will also be opportunities to provide input on NIC projects such as training, course materials, new policies, etc. Associated costs will follow FEMA's Emergency Management's Institute's Cost/Stipend/Reimbursement policy guidelines (<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/Student%20Information/coststipens.asp>). ***Space is limited however.*** As a reminder, all applicants coming from North Carolina for EMI/Noble and DHS/FEMA training sights must be completed on FEMA Form 75-5 (<http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/StudentInfor/application.asp>) and come through the NCEM's Training and Exercise Office (919-733-6327 fax) for processing. Click the following link to view the dates, times and locations of classes. ([www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/documents/nims\\_update.pdf](http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/documents/nims_update.pdf).)

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